

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3327
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TELEPHONE EXCHANGES IN MAHARASHTRA
ASHOK NAMDEORAO MOHOL

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request from Maharashtra Government for setting up of new telephone exchanges and also to increase the capacity of existing telephone exchanges in the State, particularly in Pune district ; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. Following request has been received from Hon`ble Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra:-

(i) - Provisions of telephones exchanges in the village of Latur District.

(ii) - To increase the Telephone Connection by One lakh.

(b) i - During 2000-2001 , 28 New Telephone Exchanges have been opened in Latur against the target of 30 where the demand exist. Balance Two Telephone Exchanges will also be opened by 31.3.2001.

ii - Direct Exchange Lines (DELs) target has been increased from 5 lakh to 6 lakh for the year 2000-2001.